

The Kookaburra Laughed

described as "a new song with words and music by Stan Wakefield" in 'Singabout' 1958. Stan was active in the Bush Music Club and his collection of songs 'Songs of Australia' was published posthumously in 1966.

C F C G7

Down to the lake came the old black horse Down to the lake for a drink.

4 F G F C F C Dm Am

Well the croc-o-dile snapped his jaws of course That was the end of the poor old horse.

8 G7 C D7 G G7

Said the croc "I'm king of all this land For none my might-y jaws can stand..."

12 C F C G C

But the kook-a-bur-ra laughed at the boast-ful croc And the kook-a-bur-ra laughed "Ha! ha!"

Down to the lake came the buffalo bull
Down to the lake for a drink
Well he flipped his horns and the old man croc
Fell with a bump on a big hard rock
Said the bull "I'm king of all this land
For none my mighty horns can stand..."
But the kookaburra laughed at the boastful bull
And the kookaburra laughed "Ha! ha!"

The bull trod hard on a little brown snake
An the little brown snake was hurt
So he bit that bull on the leg so deep
That the buffalo bull went off to sleep.
Said the snake "I'm king of all this land
For none my poison bite can stand..."
But the kookaburra laughed at the boastful snake
And the kookaburra laughed "Ha! ha!"

Now the kookaburra laughed and he winked his eye
"Little snake how I love you.
Although you call yourself a king
To me you're just a tasty thing."
Then he glided down beside that lake
And swallowed him whole that little brown snake
And the kookaburra laughed "Ha! ha! Ha! ha!"
And the kookaburra laughed "Ha! ha!"